



## Inaugural Gala NEWS RELEASE

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### **Help Support the Long Beach Municipal Band Make Your Reservations by June 16, 2006 to Attend the Inaugural Long Beach Municipal Band Gala on June 17, 2006**

**Event Date: Saturday, June 17**

You can help ensure the future of the Long Beach Municipal Band by attending the Long Beach Municipal Band Inaugural Gala Celebration on Saturday, June 17, 2006 at 7p.m. at the Long Beach Convention Center Grand Ballroom.

Since 1906 the Long Beach Municipal Band has been appreciated locally and around the world. Present conductor Larry Curtis continues a tradition of musical excellence established by such notable conductors as the famous Sousa cornet player Herbert L. Clarke and composer J. J. Richards. The Band's personnel includes the best of the Southern California's symphony, jazz and studio recording artists performing jazz, movie, musical and light classical literature with talented guest vocalists who end each concert on a memorable note.

The Gala Celebration will support the band's eight-week season of free concerts in the park, beginning this year on June 27 at Whaley Park, and celebrate the start of summer with fun, food and entertainment. The evening begins at 7p.m. with a reception, followed by silent and live auctions, dancing to the Ed Martel Trio and MB Jazz Ensemble, and a special concert featuring the Long Beach Municipal Band. Gala proceeds will benefit the Municipal Band through Partners of Parks, a nonprofit, public benefit corporation, supporting public parks, recreation and marine programs, and facilities in the City of Long Beach.

Reservations are still available by phone for \$75 per person until June 16, 2006. Call (562) 570-1743.

Receive table assignments at the door. For groups that would like to sit together, please submit order forms in one envelope. Reservations will be confirmed by e-mail or phone.

For more information and reservations for the Inaugural Long Beach Municipal Band Gala, please call (562) 570-1743 or visit [www.lbparks.org](http://www.lbparks.org).

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